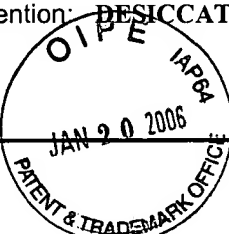
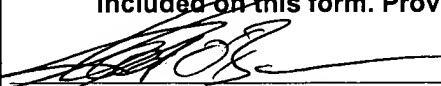



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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 09/14/2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as indicated below. In addition, a Petition for Extension of Time for one month is being submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.